

# State of South Dakota

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### HOUSE BILL NO. 1293

Introduced by: Representatives Lust, Bolin, Dreyer, Gosch, Kirkeby, Kopp, Krebs, McLaughlin, Moser, Novstrup (David), Peters, Schlekeway, Sly, Solum, Steele, and Turbiville and Senators Adelstein, Haverly, Howie, Novstrup (Al), and Schmidt

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to provide for the establishment of school administration  
2 regions and to provide for the sharing of certain school administrators and school service  
3 specialists among school districts.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

5 Section 1. That chapter 13-15 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as  
6 follows:

7 The regional school administration program is hereby established. Under the program, the  
8 secretary of education shall divide the state geographically into school administration regions.  
9 Each school administration region shall, to the extent possible, include school districts with a  
10 combined fall enrollment as defined in § 13-13-10.1 of three thousand students or more.  
11 However, the secretary may divide sparsely populated areas of the state into school  
12 administration regions that include a combined fall enrollment of less than three thousand  
13 students as necessary. The secretary shall assign each school district to a school administration  
14 region. If, however, any school district's fall enrollment equals or exceeds three thousand



1 students, that school district is exempt from the requirements of this Act and may not be placed  
2 in a school administration region.

3 Section 2. That chapter 13-15 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as  
4 follows:

5 Each school administration region shall be governed by a school administration region board  
6 consisting of one school board member from each school district in the region. The school board  
7 of each school district in the region shall appoint its representative on the school administration  
8 region board, and each school district in the region shall be equally represented on the school  
9 administration region board.

10 Section 3. That chapter 13-15 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as  
11 follows:

12 Each school administration region board, as established in section 2 of this Act, shall hire  
13 the administrative personnel necessary to collectively serve all the school districts in the school  
14 administration region. For the purposes of this Act, administrative personnel includes  
15 superintendents, assistant superintendents, business managers, and other management level  
16 employees, but it does not include principals, vice-principals, and others who manage specific  
17 buildings within a school district.

18 Each school administration region board may also hire school service specialists. For the  
19 purposes of this Act, school service specialists include curriculum directors, technology  
20 coordinators, speech pathologists, and others who provide services within a school district.

21 Section 4. That chapter 13-15 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as  
22 follows:

23 The Department of Education shall promulgate rules pursuant to chapter 1-26 to establish  
24 the school administration regions, to establish procedures relative to the employment of the

1 personnel to serve the school administration regions, and to delineate duties and responsibilities  
2 of shared personnel.

3 Section 5. This Act is effective on July 1, 2010.